



The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of August, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following Commissioners in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Bolton, Commissioners Belinda Ealy, Linda Tarin, Jack Dean, David Smith, Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith, Kathy Hill and Carolyn Gabriel. Also present were Staff member Melinda Moritz, City Council member Monica Alcocer, and Eagle Scout Tyler Meffert. Chairman Christensen asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Marcy Meffert.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the June 14, 2018 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the June 14, 2018 Park Commission meeting minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Bolton seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens in attendance.

4. Discussion and Action - Appointments to the Park Commission and Nomination / Election of Officers (R. Christensen).

Commissioner Smith made a motion to elect Roger Christensen to the position of Chairman, which was seconded by Commissioner Dean. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Smith made a motion to elect Danielle Bolton to the position of Vice Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Dean. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Reports: Activities or Events that Impact Parks or Access to Parks:

A. Discussion and Action – Presentation by Eagle Scout Tyler Meffert on a Project to Rehabilitate the Basketball Court at Raymond Rimkus Park (T. Meffert).

Eagle Scout Tyler Meffert gave a short presentation on his request to rehabilitate the basketball court next to the tennis court at Raymond Rimkus Park. He noted that he was willing to spend his own money, which was donated by the late Marcy Meffert and another family member, to perform the work. He stated that the project would include replacing the nets, constructing bleacher style seating, repainting the lines on the courts, and repairing any other items they found in need of repairs at the site.

Commissioner Smith asked what the time frame was for completing the project. Mr. Meffert stated that they wanted to have the project completed by March of 2019. Mr. Smith then asked if this project would meet the requirements of the Eagle Scout program. Mr. Meffert replied that this project would meet the program requirements, as this would show leadership skills and in giving back to the community.

A general discussion was held on the rehabilitation of the court.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the rehabilitation project, which was seconded by Commissioner Hill. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and Possible Action – Final Draft of Park Survey Questions (M. Moritz / Commissioners).

A general discussion was held on the questions on the survey and several changes were made. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the revised survey, which was seconded by Commissioner Hill. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and Action – Development of Vacant Lot at Peachtree and Poss (M. Moritz / Commissioners).

Staff member Moritz stated that the subject of improving the lot had been discussed at the City Council Town Hall meeting in January and that several

ideas had been presented by the citizens. She noted that, while the idea of a pavilion being located on the site had been disapproved by the Council and the citizens, there were some uses that might be a good fit, such as a landscaped area with benches and some plantings, or a splash pad.

Commissioner Smith asked what the timeline was for the park survey. Ms. Moritz state that, after corrections, it would be mailed out and residents would be asked to return the completed survey within two weeks of receipt. Mr. Smith stated that the survey should include a question as to what the public thought could be added to the park system.

A general discussion was held on the development of the lot, which included safety, the pedestrian crossing on Poss, costs, operating hours, parking, other options for the lot, and restroom access.

Chairman Christensen stated that he would like to see some options for the lot and directed staff to bring some recommendations to the next Park Commission meeting.

D. Discussion on Park Safety Zone Areas (M. Moritz).

Staff member Moritz directed the Commissioners to the ordinance hand out in their packets and stated that the regulations addressed sexual offenders and where they were allowed to go in the city. She explained that the regulations prohibited sexual offenders from being at the parks. She noted that there were sexual offenders in the city and that they had been warned about the new rules. She noted that because the rules affected the park, the Chairman had wanted each member to have a copy.

Chairman Christensen stated that the parks and recreational areas definition should be mentioned in the Park Master Plan and that he was requesting the members of the Commission to become familiar with the regulations.

6. Commissioner's and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Gabriel stated that the Forest Oaks tennis courts were still not open. Ms. Moritz explained that the work on the wall between the court and the pool had just finished and that the court would be cleaned and opened. Mrs. Gabriel then explained that there had been a bat in the pool and that she didn't know who to call about the situation. Ms. Moritz explained that they should call

animal control and that the bat would be picked up. She further explained that if the bat had not come into contact with anyone, it would not be tested for rabies.

Commissioner Smith noted that the Old Mill Park construction was coming along great.

Commissioner Ealy stated that she had taken a spin around the Silo Park and noticed that some of the track was loose. Ms. Moritz explained that the contractor that had constructed the playground equipment had heavy trucks and that the surface was most probably damaged by the trucks. She noted that she would have Public Works crews repair the track.

Commissioner Tarin stated that she thought the City should eliminate one of the pools, as they were not being used to the full capacity, and concentrate on developing a parking lot.

Chairman Christensen thanked the Commissioners for their vote of confidence in re-electing him to the position of Chairman. He stated that his main goal for the coming year was to complete the revisions to the Park Master Plan. He stated that he would like to have it ready by the November meeting, and then present it to Council in the early spring. He noted that the Commission would probably not be meeting in December.

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Ealy. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes approved:


Chairman Roger Christensen

9-17-18
Date